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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 31, 2006.

The Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-16 and 39 for examination. The election is made with traverse. The traversal is on the grounds that sufficient reasons and/or examples to support a Restriction Requirement have not been provided. Furthermore, it is submitted that the examination that all of claims 1-39 would not be too burdensome to the Examiner.

In view of the above comments, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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